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Accordingly, in light of the foregoing amendment to the claims and the recent submission of additional references, this Re-Issue Application should be in condition for immediate allowance. If the Examiner believes any further issues can be resolved by a telephone conference, or if any informalities can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, please call the undersigned attorney to expedite the further examination of this application.

The Applicant does not believe that any fees are required beyond those transmitted herewith in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that any fees or extensions of time are necessary to allow the consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) and any fee required therefor is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account 16-0605.

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